

Application No.: 10/602,854
Reply to Office Action of November 2, 2004

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Remarks/Arguments:

Claims 1-42 are pending. Claims 1-41 were rejected. Claim 42 is newly added. Claims 1-3 and 5-41 are amended. Claim 4 is cancelled. The amendments to claim 1 are supported by originally-filed claims 1 and 4, pages 16 and 26 of the specification and by Figures 5A, 5B and 9. The amendments to claim 6 are supported by the specification on page 30, lines 1-14. The amendments to claims 1-3 and 5-41 are supported by the corresponding originally-filed claims.

Examiner Interview

Applicant acknowledges with thanks the courtesy extended to himself and his representative by Examiner Stone and her Supervisor during the personal interview on December 21, 2004. During the course of the interview, the rejection of claim 1 was discussed. Specifically, claim 1 was rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(e) as being anticipated by Addy et al. At the time of the interview, Applicants' representative proposed an amendment to claim 1. The Examiner agreed that proposed amended claim 1 overcame the rejection of record because the cited art did not include an RFID reader in communication with an RFID transponder. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejection of claim 1 be withdrawn. Claims 2-3 and 5-41 depend from claim 1 and therefore include the features of claim 1. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of claims 2-3 and 5-41 also be withdrawn.

Rejections under 35 USC § 112

Claims 2-6, 15, 23, 32-34 and 36-41 were rejected under 35 USC § 112 as allegedly being indefinite. These claims have been amended in consideration of the Examiner's suggestions on page 2 of the Office Action. Accordingly, Applicant respectfully requests that the rejections of claims 2-6, 15, 23, 32-34 and 36-41 under 35 USC § 112 be withdrawn.

Amendments to Claims

Claim 1 has been amended to include the feature of a first RFID reader in wireless communication with an RFID transponder. As discussed above with regard to the Examiner interview, the rejection of record was overcome because the cited art did not include


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an RFID reader in communication with an RFID transponder. The claims have been further amended to improve syntax and readability and such further amendments are not for the purpose of distinguishing the claimed invention over the cited art. The amendments to delete the term "at least" are to improve the readability of the claims and do not change the scope of the corresponding claims wherein the terms "a" and "an" are not limited to having a singular meaning.

In view of the amendments and remarks set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

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